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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF COLONEL ANGUS MUNDY

REF: DAMASCUS 53

1. MY GRATIFICATION AT ANGUS MUNDY'S INTEREST IN POSSIBILITY OF RETURNING TO NEA/RA IS SHARED BY STEVE PALMER. MUNDY IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY ALL IN THE BUREAU WHO KNOW HIM.

2. ONE PROBLEM MIGHT BE GAP, FOR COL. HOBBS COULD POSSIBLY GO ON TO HIS NEXT ASSIGNMENT AS SOON AS EARLY MAY. WE COULD NOT LEAVE THE POSITION UNFILLED FOR ANYTHING LIKE THREE MONTHS.

3. ASSUMING HOBBS REMAINS HERE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, AS YOU
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AND MUNDY KNOW THE EXCHANGE SYSTEM WOULD RESIST THE LATTER'S "DOUBLE TIMING" IN STATE, ESPECIALLY IN THE NEA JOB WHICH HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY HOT AND FOR WHICH THERE SHOULD BE NO LACK OF ABLE CONTENDERS.

4. WE HOPE MUNDY CAN DEFER INITIATION OF HIS FORMAL ASSIGNMENT REQUEST UNTIL--HOPEFULLY BY END OF JANUARY--THE TIMING

OF HOBBS DEPARTURE IS DETERMINED.

5. YOU MAY WISH TO CONVEY GIST OF THE ABOVE TO MUNDY.

6. FYI THE CHALLENGES FACED BY RA AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES
PUT ON IT IN THE POL/MIL FIELD HAVE GROWN CONSIDERABLY
SINCE MUNDY SERVED HERE. WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR AN
OFFICER WHO CAN, INTER ALIA, RATHER INDEPENDENTLY PURSUE A
MULTIPLICITY OF POLICY AND OPERATIONAL TASKS IN FAST-MOVING
SITUATIONS. (RECENT COMPREHENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE
COMPLEXITIES OF MILITARY SALES MATTERS WOULD HELP MUCH.)
DO YOU THINK MUNDY HAS THE DRIVE AND HIGH APTITUDE FOR WORK
ORGANIZATION THAT THE POSITION NOW REQUIRES? END FYI.

7. PLEASE REPLY STADIS/NEA ONLY.
ROBINSON

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